



HEALTH CARE **CENTRAL**

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SUBMITTED WITHOUT COMMENT: President Obama's Health Care Promises



"That means that no matter how we reform health care, **we will keep this promise to the American people: If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor, period.**" ("Remarks by the President at the Annual Conference of the American Medical Association," The White House, [Office of the Press Secretary](#), June 15, 2009)

"I will sign a universal health care bill into law by the end of my first term as president that will cover every American and **cut the cost of a typical family's premium by up to \$2,500 a year.**" (Speech, "A Politics of Conscience," [PolitiFact](#), June 23, 2007)

"You should know that once we have fully implemented, **you're going to be able to buy insurance through a pool so that you can get the same good rates as a group that if you're an employee at a big company you can get right now -- which means your premiums will go down.**" ("Remarks by the President at a Campaign Event," The White House, [Office of the Press Secretary](#), July 16, 2012)

"**[W]hatever ideas exist in terms of bending the cost curve and starting to reduce costs for families, businesses, and government, those elements are in this bill.**" ("Remarks by the President After Meeting with Senate Democrats," The White House, [Office of the Press Secretary](#), December 15, 2009)

"**So this law means more choice, more competition, lower costs for millions of Americans.**" ("Remarks by the President on the Affordable Care Act and the Government Shutdown," The White House, [Office of the Press Secretary](#), October 1, 2013)

"In my mind the [Affordable Care Act] has been a huge success, **but it's got real problems.**" (Jonathan Chait, "Five Days That Shaped a Presidency," [New York Magazine](#), October 2, 2016)

"**I'm willing to look at other ideas to bring down costs...**" ("Remarks by the President in State of Union Address," The White House, [Office of the Press Secretary](#), January 25, 2011)

POLITIFACT Lie of the Year: 'If you like your health care plan, you can keep it'
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In 2013, Politifact rated this the number one **lie of the year**. At publication, Politifact found **at least 37 instances** when President Obama made this vow to the American public.

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